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SUBJ: VIEWS OF SUB-DIRECTOR OF PORTUGUESE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE
ON CURRENT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. INTENDENTE EUGENIO JOSE SPRANGER, WHO HAS BEEN SUB-DIRECTOR
OF PORTUGUESE INTELLIGENCE SERVICE SINCE BEFGRE APRIL 25 COUP,
(SCCIM) GAVE CONGEN OFFICER FOLLOWING PERSONAL VIEWS AND
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INTERPRETATION OF SITUATION:

(A) MOVEMENT FOR FREE MOZAMBIQUE IS TRULY DEMOCRATIC, MULTI-RACIAL MOVEMENT WHICH IS TRYING TO ESTABLISH DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM IN MOZAMBIQUE. MOVEMENT DOES NOT WANT UDI AND IS NOT AGAINST INDEPENDENCE OR FRELIMO.

(B) BIG FORCE BEHIND MOVEMENT IS BLACK-LED PCN BUT OTHER MAJORITY WHITE PARTIES, SUCH AS FICO AND PSD ARE ALSO SUPPORTING IT. MOVEMENT LEADERS ARE SERIOUS, PATRIOTIC INDIVIDUALS. NEITHER THE "DRAGONS OF DEATH," WHICH IS BASICALLY INFANTILE GROUP, NOR JORGE JARDIM, WHO IS OPPORTUNIST, ARE BEHIND MOVEMENT.

(C) MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE ARE REMAINING NEUTRAL (ALTHOUGH IT CLEAR SPRANGER HIMSELF IS STRONG SUPPORTER OF MOVEMENT). THERE IS NO DANGER OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN "LOYALIST" AND "NON-LOYALIST" FORCES BECAUSE SITUATION IS NOT SEEN IN THOSE TERMS. ONLY POSSIBLE DANGER IS THAT MILITARY AND SECURITY FORCES MAY HAVE TO INTERVENE TO PUT DOWN INCIDENTS INVOLVING BLACKS VERSUS WHITES. SITUATION HAS BEEN QUITE CALM SO FAR, HOWEVER, AND AFRICANS SEEM TO BE COOPERATING WITH MOVEMENT, WITH MOST CONVINCING EVIDENCE BEING THAT STEVEDORES ARE WORKING AT PORT. DEATHS OF TWO WHITES IN LOURENCO MARQUES YESTERDAY CAUSED BY THEIR STUPIDITY IN SHOOTING AFTER AFRICANS THREW SOME STONES AT THEM.

(D) PATRIOTIC PORTUGUESE AND MOZAMBICANS BOTH OUTSIDE AND INSIDE MOZAMBIQUE ARE CONVERGING ON LOURENCO MARQUES TO ADHERE TO MOVEMENT (E.G. DANIEL ROXO, WHITE LEADER OF EFFECTIVE ANTI-FRELIMO MILITIA FORCE FROM NIASA IS NOW HERE, BROADCASTING APPEALS TO ALL COMMANDOS AND MILITIA TO JOIN MOVEMENT). REPORTS OF PORTUGUESE COMING FROM SOUTH AFRICA ARE TRUE.

(E) SITUATION THROUGHOUT MOZAMBIQUE IS CALM. THERE WERE SOME INCIDENTS IN BEIRA, IN WHICH MILITARY FORCES INTERVENED TO MAINTAIN ORDER. APPARENTLY, MOVEMENT SUPPORTERS ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO TAKE OVER BEIRA RADIO, WHICH CONTINUES TO BE CONTROLLED BY "UNDEMOCRATIC DEMOCRATS, COMMITTING IDEO-CONFIDENTIAL

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LOGICAL AGRESSIONS (EXPRESSION USED BY DEMOCRATS TO DESCRIBE THOUGHTS OF "REACTIONARIES").

(F) PORTUGAL WILL NATURALLY HAVE TO ABIDE BY LUSAKA ACCORD. HOWEVER, MOVEMENT AND MOZAMBICANS WILL INSIST ON HAVING GUARANTEES THAT FUTURE CONSITUION WILL BE DEMOCRATIC AND PERMIT PARTICIPATION OF ALL MOZAMBICAN POLITICAL GROUPS THROUGH ELECTIONS. THIS WILL REQUIRE MOZAMBICAN REPRESENTATIVES TO

SIT DOWN WITH PORTUGUESE ANB FRELIMO REPRESENTATIVES AND NO, AS WAS DONE IN LUSAKA, AN AGREEMENT REACTED WITHOUT INCORPORATION OF VIEWS OF MOZAMBICAN PEOPLE. IF FRELIMO REFUSES TO GIVE THESE GUARANTEES, MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE PLUNGED INTO CIVIL WAR. FRELIMO WITH ITS 12,000 MEN CANNOT MAINTAIN ORDER IN MOZAMBIQUE, ESPECIALLY SINCE SAMORA MACHEL IS WIDELY BELIEVED TO HAVE ASSUMED PRESIDENCY OF FRELIMO THROUGH ILLEGITIMATE MEANS (I.E., BY GETTING RID OF SIMANGO).

2. COMMENT: SPRANGER OPINIONS MUST BE TAKEN WITH GRAINS OF SALT AND HE SEEMS LESS THAN CANDID IN HIS AFFIRMATION THAT THERE IS NO DIVISION BETWEEN "LOYALIST" AND "NON-LOYALIST" MILITARY AND SECURITY (POLICE AND PARAMILITARY) FORCES. OUR COMMENTS ON SECURITY SITUATION FOLLOW IN NEXT SITREP.
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